



## Veronica Pierog Homemaker

Veronica (Skiba) Pierog, age 75, of 71st Street, Niagara Falls, NY, died Monday, February 12, 2001, at Buffalo General Hospital, Buffalo, NY. Born July 8, 1925, Niagara Falls, NY, daughter of the late Joseph J. and Katherine (Krawczyk) Skiba. She attended local schools. Worked at Nabisco Shredded Wheat for three years as a packer; Neisner Department Store on Falls Street for three years and Jenss Department Store on Main Street for eight years, then became a homemaker. Member of Prince of Peace R.C. Church. She enjoyed bingo and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Alex Pierog; dear friend, Joseph Gromaniak Sr.; grandchildren, Kathleen (William) Reading, Melissa Roszel; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter, Christine Roszel and a step-son, Joseph Gromaniak, Jr.; brothers, Chester Skiba and Teddy C. Skiba.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today, Wednesday, February 14 at Zajac Funeral Home, Inc., 319-24th Street (corner Welch Ave.) Funeral services 9:30 a.m. Thursday, February 15, 2001, at funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Prince of Peace R.C. Church, 1055 Military Road. Burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lewiston, NY.

**SKIBA—Teddy C.**  
Age 71, October 26, 1998; of North Tonawanda, NY; husband of Rena B. (nee Grabowski) Skiba; father of Norman (Pei Xiong) Skiba, of TN; Mrs. Kim (Judy) Movellan, of North Tonawanda; Mark (Linda) Skiba, of MA; grandfather of Jennifer and Tara Skiba; brother of Mrs. Al (Vera) Pierog, of Niagara Falls, NY and the late Chester Skiba; also survived by several nieces and nephews. There is no prior visitation. Private funeral services were held at the convenience of the family from the COLUCCI FUNERAL HOME, North Tonawanda, NY.

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## Memorial Obituary



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### Katherine Skiba

NIAGARA FALLS — A Mass of Christian Burial for Katherine Skiba will be offered at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Holy Trinity Church.

Prayers will precede the mass at 9:30 a.m. at the Zajac Funeral Home. Burial will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Skiba, 77, died unexpectedly Saturday (Nov. 26, 1983) at DeGraff Memorial Hospital in North Tonawanda after becoming ill at her home on Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda.

A native of Poland, Mrs. Skiba was a naturalized citizen of the United States. She lived in Niagara Falls before moving to North Tonawanda in 1950. She was an employee of Peerless Cleaners until it was closed several years ago.

Her husband, Joseph Skiba, died in 1968.

Survivors include two sons, Chester of Las Vegas and Teddy of North Tonawanda; a daughter, Mrs. Alex Pierog; a brother, Frank

## ASBESTOS SETTLEMENT

# Retired Occidental worker to get \$500,000

By MATT GRITA  
News Staff Reporter

An Occidental Chemical Corp. retiree suffering from asbestos-linked lung cancer Friday accepted a \$500,000 settlement from a dozen companies that produced or sold asbestos products to Occidental.

Teddy C. Skiba, 68, a former carpenter and millwright at the Occidental plant on Buffalo Avenue in Niagara Falls, is receiving experimental treatment in Roswell Park Cancer Institute for mesothelioma, a usually fatal cancer of the lung lining that is linked to asbestos exposure.

John N. Lipsitz and Michael A. Pon-

terio, Skiba's Buffalo attorneys, said the companies named in the suit agreed to the settlement after a jury had been selected for a trial in the case before State Supreme Court Justice James B. Kane.

Lipsitz and Ponterio said that under the terms of the settlement, they cannot reveal the names of the firms involved in the case. The attorneys said the companies had sold asbestos to Occidental for use as a fire retardant and as heat insulation material. Occidental was not sued.

Skiba, a North Tonawanda resident who worked at the plant for nearly 35 years before he retired in 1989, was diagnosed with lung cancer early last year and filed his lawsuit in June.

Kane, the former administrative judge for all state courts in the eight counties of Western New York, is presiding over a number of asbestos-related lawsuits, court officials said.

Ponterio said that he and Lipsitz had "extensive evidence, including internal memos and correspondence" of the defendant corporations dating back to the 1940s that showed "they knew of the harmful effects of asbestos."

"Their inaction 30 years ago is reaping a tragic reward for the victims of cancer and their families today," said Ponterio.

The attorneys said Skiba should get his money in several months.